

## **Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

### **DESCRIPTION**

#### **Disc Cartridge**

##### **Technical Field**

~~This invention relates to a disc cartridge, having a disc-shaped recording medium, such as an optical disc, held therein, and to a recording and/or reproducing apparatus, employing this disc cartridge as a recording medium.~~

~~——— This application claims priority of Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2003-281389 and 2003-281392, filed in Japan on July 28, 2003, and Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2004-140473 and 2004-140498, filed in Japan on May 10, 2004, the entireties of which are incorporated by reference herein.~~

##### **Background Art**

### **SPECIFICATION**

#### **TITLE OF THE INVENTION**

#### **DISC CARTRIDGE**

#### **CROSS REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

The present application claims priority to Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2003-281389 and 2003-281392, filed in Japan on July 28, 2003, and Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2004-140473 and 2004-140498, filed in Japan on May 10, 2004, the disclosures of which in entirety are incorporated by reference herein.

#### **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a disc cartridge having a disc-shaped recording medium, such as an optical disc held therein, and to a recording and/or reproducing apparatus, employing the disc cartridge as a recording medium.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 16 with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~Disclosure of the Invention~~

~~Problem to be solved by the Invention~~

~~—— It is an object of the present invention to provide a disc cartridge with which the recording and/or reproducing apparatus can be reduced in thickness.~~

~~—— It is another object of the present invention to provide a disc cartridge with which the recording and/or reproducing apparatus may be reduced in thickness at the same time as the disc cartridge is reduced in size.~~

~~—— It is a further object of the present invention to provide a disc cartridge with which a disc housed therein may be protected reliably.~~

~~—— It is a further object of the present invention to provide a disc cartridge with which a shutter member for opening/closing the recording and/or reproducing aperture formed in the main cartridge body unit may be improved in strength to enable the reliable opening/closure of the recording and/or reproducing aperture.~~

~~—— It is yet another object of the present invention to provide a disc cartridge with which the recording capacity may be increased at the same time as the disc housed therein is reduced in size.~~

~~Means for solving the Problem~~

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a disc cartridge, having a disc-shaped recording medium, such as an optical disc held therein, and to a recording and/or reproducing apparatus, employing this disc cartridge as a recording medium.

The present invention provides in an embodiment a disc cartridge with which the recording and/or reproducing apparatus can be reduced in thickness.

The present invention provides in an embodiment a disc cartridge with which the recording and/or reproducing apparatus may be reduced in thickness at the same time as the disc cartridge is reduced in size.

The present invention provides in an embodiment a disc cartridge with which a disc housed therein may be protected reliably.

The present invention provides in an embodiment a disc cartridge with which a shutter member for opening/closing the recording and/or reproducing aperture formed in the main cartridge body unit may be improved in strength to enable the reliable opening/ closure of the recording and/or reproducing aperture.

The present invention provides in an embodiment a disc cartridge with which the recording capacity may be increased at the same time as the disc housed therein is reduced in size.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~Other objects and advantages of the present invention will become more apparent from the description of the following embodiments thereof especially when read in conjunction with the drawing.~~

Additional features and advantages of the present invention are described in, and will be apparent from, the following Detailed Description of the Invention and the figures.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 13 with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~Brief Description of the Drawings~~

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 14 with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~Best Mode for Carrying out the Invention~~

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a disc cartridge, having a disc-shaped recording

medium, such as an optical disc, held therein and to a recording and/or reproducing apparatus, employing this disc cartridge as a recording medium.

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 2 of page 51:

It should be understood that various changes and modifications to the presently preferred embodiments described herein will be apparent to those skilled in the art. Such changes and modifications can be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the present invention and without diminishing its intended advantages. It is therefore intended that such changes and modifications be covered by the appended claims.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 56, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

#### ABSTRACT

~~Disclosed is a disc cartridge in which is housed an optical disc (2). The disc cartridge includes a main cartridge body unit (5), rotatably housing an optical disc, and having an aperture for a head part (13) for exposing a part of the optical disc to outside across the inner and outer rims of the optical disc, and a shutter unit (15) mounted for movement to this main cartridge body unit for opening/closing the aperture for the head part (13). A recess (31) into which is introduced a portion of a head part of the recording and/or reproducing apparatus is formed in continuation to the aperture for the head part in a surface of the main cartridge body unit on which slides a shutter unit in an area opposite to the area of movement of the shutter unit with the aperture for the head part in between.~~

#### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A disc cartridge is provided. The disc cartridge in which is housed an optical disc includes a main cartridge body unit, rotatably housing an optical disc, and having an aperture for a head part for exposing a part of the optical disc to outside across the inner and outer rims of the optical disc, and a shutter unit mounted for movement to this main cartridge body unit for opening/closing the aperture for the head part. A recess into which is introduced a portion of a head part of the recording and/or reproducing apparatus is formed in continuation to the aperture for the head part in a surface of the main cartridge body unit on which slides a

shutter unit in an area opposite to the area of movement of the shutter unit with the aperture for the head part in-between.